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## **INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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THE LAW AND COURTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE PERSONNEL CONFERENCE ROOM (D & E), HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

### Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the [July 16, 2015](#) Minutes

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) - Resolution Authorizing Entering into [Subcontract Amendments](#) with National Council on Alcoholism to Reduce the Cognitive Change Groups Budget and with Northwest Initiative-ARRO to Increase the Day Reporting Budget for FY 2014-2015 Pursuant to a Budget Adjustment Request Approved by the Michigan Department of Corrections
2. Sheriff's Office
  - a. Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment Five with Securus Technologies for the [ConnectUs](#) Inmate Service Platform
  - b. Resolution to Honor [Lieutenant James M. Morrall](#) of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office
  - c. Presentation by the Sheriff's Office Plan on the Naloxone ([NARCAN](#)) Administration Program
3. Law & Courts Committee - Animal Control Advisory Board [Appointments Process](#)

Announcements

Public Comment

Adjournment

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## LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE

July 17, 2015

### Minutes

Members Present: Tsernoglou, Crenshaw, Koenig (departed at 6:24 p.m.), Celentino, Nolan (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Hope, and Schafer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, Commissioner Rebecca Bahar-Cook, Commissioner Randy Maiville, John Neilsen, Travis Parsons, Lance Langdon, Greg Harless, Jeffrey Weiss, Brent Williams, David Hall, Kelly Roudebush, Jeff Murphy, Chevie Ballou, Bruce Gavrel, Rob Delamarter, Gerald Rodabaugh, Chad Beckett, Linda Harmon, Mike Wriggelsworth, Frank Galvin, Brad Stoddard, Randy Williams, Russ Stowe, Dave Harper, Kerry Minshall, Tim Whipple, Ryan Wood, Walter Doherty, Jon Hanson, John Stressman, Bryce Alford, Toby LePeak, Mike Lanebach, Randall Talifarro, Michael Hamel, Jim Kraus, Deb Allen, Beth Rhodes, Robin Stites, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tsernoglou at 6:01 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room "A" of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

#### Approval of the June 11, 2015 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. KOENIG, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2015 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Nolan.

#### Substitutions to Agenda

4. Law & Courts Committee
  - b. Resolution to Appoint an Interim Animal Control Director
  - c. Resolution Appointing a Search Committee to Select and Animal Control Director

#### Limited Public Comment

Deb Allen, volunteer at Ingham County Animal Control (ICAC) shelter, addressed the committee. Ms. Allen stated that one of the supervisors at the shelter was making life difficult for the staff.

Commissioner Nolan asked that John Neilsen, Chief Deputy Controller, follow up on the complaint and update the committee.

Commissioner Koenig asked Ms. Allen if she was comfortable putting the supervisor's name on record.

Ms. Allen stated that the supervisor causing the issues was Anne Burns, Deputy Director of ICAC.

Beth Rhodes, volunteer at ICAC shelter, addressed the committee. She stated that Ms. Burns was causing problems with the staff at the shelter. She further stated that the volunteers at the shelter wanted to be a part of the selection of the new director of ICAC. She indicated that she would forward to Mr. Neilsen an outline of some criteria, developed by the volunteers, for the new director.

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. KOENIG, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

1. Circuit Court
  - a. Resolution for Authorization to Enter into a Three Year Contract with Sequel – TSI of Mountain Home
  - b. Resolution for Authorization to Enter into a Three Year Contract with Rite of Passage
  - c. Resolution for Authorization to Enter into a Three Year Contract with Cornell Corrections of California
  
2. Sheriff's Office
  - a. Resolution to Allow the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lansing and City of East Lansing for the 2015 Local Jag Grant
  - b. Resolution to Accept a Michigan Municipal Risk Management (MMRMA) Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Training Grant
  - c. Resolution to Honor Deputy Paul Jones of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office
  
3. Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management - Resolution to Adopt the Tri-County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
  
5. Controller's Office - Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2015 Ingham County Budget

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Law & Courts Committee
  - a. Resolution to Adopt the 2016 Juvenile Justice Community Agency Process Calendar

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. KOENIG, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2016 JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMUNITY AGENCY

PROCESS CALENDAR.

The resolution was amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners wishes to adopt a resolution to establish the 2016 Juvenile Justice Community Agency Process and to reserve Juvenile Justice Millage funds in the amount of **\$100,000** for this purpose.

This was considered a friendly amendment.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Resolution to Appoint an Interim Animal Control Director

MOVED BY COMM. CELENTINO, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR.

Commissioner Hope asked if a resume had been submitted by Jodi LeBombard, ICAC Officer.

Mr. Neilsen briefly reviewed the resume of Ms. LeBombard.

The resolution was amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the Controller's Office and current Animal Control Director are recommending that Animal Control Officer/ Animal Cruelty Investigator, **Jodi LeBombard** serve as Interim Animal Control Director until such time as a permanent Director begins duties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Animal Control Officer/ Animal Cruelty Investigator, **Jodi LeBombard**, to the position of Ingham County Animal Control Interim Director effective July 29, 2015 and until such time as a permanent Director is selected and assumes duties.

This was considered a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Nolan asked Mr. Neilsen to include the resume of Ms. LeBombard in the documents for the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Resolution Appointing a Search Committee to Select and Animal Control Director

MOVED BY COMM. NOLAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SEARCH COMMITTEE TO SELECT AN ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR.

Commissioner Tsernoglou asked for volunteers to serve on the search committee to select an Animal Control Director.

Commissioner Celentino stated that the Board Chairperson should be part of the selection process.

Commissioner Tsernoglou indicated the Board Chairperson would be included in this process.

Commissioner Hope, Commissioner Crenshaw, Commissioner Schafer, and Commissioner Nolan volunteered to serve on the search committee.

Commissioner Tsernoglou stated that Becky Bennett, Board Coordinator, would send out notice to the other commissioners about who had volunteered to serve on the search committee.

Commissioner Hope requested that Mr. Neilsen notify the Commissioners of the Animal Advisory Board meetings once they had been scheduled.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Board Referral - Letter from Maner Costerisan Regarding the Annual Accounting for the Ingham County 9-1-1 Service District

No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Tsernoglou recessed the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Commissioner Koenig departed at 6:24 p.m.

Commissioner Tsernoglou called the meeting back from recess at 7:00 p.m.

6. Presentation by Brent Williams - "Review of Options for Public Safety Communications - Ingham County, Michigan"
  - a. Question and Answer Period

Mr. Neilsen introduced Brent Williams, consultant, to the committee and members of the audience.

Mr. Williams presented his report on the options for public safety communications for Ingham County.

Commissioner Bahar- Cook asked if radios would need to be replaced and who would incur this cost.

Mr. Neilsen stated the original agreement developed by the Board of Commissioners was that the County would buy all initial radios and replacement radios would be the responsibility of the municipalities.

Discussion.

Commissioner Maiville expressed his concern regarding the in-building, hand-held coverage of radios.

Mr. Williams indicated that any specifications needed for the system should be written into the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Discussion.

The Ingham County 9-1-1 Advisory Board members, in attendance, introduced themselves to the committee.

Sherriff Gene Wriggelsworth reminded the committee about the extra cost incurred after the last contract was put in place. He stated that the current system is slated to soon reach its life expectancy.

There was a discussion about the presentation with representatives of the public, Harris Corporation, the State of Michigan, and the committee.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth expressed concern that there have been three different corporate owners of the current system since it has been in place with the County.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook stated that the Michigan Public Safety Communication System should be a constant because it is the State's system.

Commissioner Celentino stated that the Board did not want to make the same mistakes as the last time the contract was put in place.

Commissioner Maiville asked the status of the County's pagers.

Mr. Williams stated the most cost effective option was maintaining an analog paging channel and that could be obtained with either vendor.

Commissioner Maiville asked if new pagers would need to be purchased.

Mr. Williams indicated that was up to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Maiville stated that the costs for each option should be laid out very clearly. He further stated that cost burden of replacement equipment should not fall on the municipalities if the change is mandated by the County.

Commissioner Tsernoglou thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Nielsen thanked everyone for sharing their opinions and concerns. He stated that the next step was to develop an RFP for a consultant and then an RFP for the vendor. He further stated the matter would be reviewed and evaluated with the local public safety community and the 9-1-1 Advisory Board.

Commissioner Schafer thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation and Mr. Nielsen for his hard work. He also recognized Commissioner Tsernoglou for conducting a good meeting.

Commissioner Nolan asked for the proposed completion date of the RFP for the consultant.

Mr. Nielsen indication the RFP would be ready in month or two.

#### Announcements

Commissioner Nolan announced the graduation for the Ingham Academy was to be held on July 22 at 2:00 pm. She encouraged her fellow Commissioners to attend.

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**AUGUST 13, 2015 LAW & COURTS AGENDA  
STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY**

**RESOLUTION ACTION ITEMS:**

**The Chief Deputy Controller is recommending approval of the following resolutions and other actions of the Committee:**

1. *Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) - Resolution Authorizing Entering into Subcontract Amendments with National Council on Alcoholism to Reduce the Cognitive Change Groups Budget and with Northwest Initiative-ARRO to Increase the Day Reporting Budget for FY 2014-2015 Pursuant to a Budget Adjustment Request Approved by the Michigan Department of Corrections*

This resolution authorizes County approval of adjustments to program subcontract budgets to provide additional funding for the over-utilized Day Reporting Program (\$7,854 from \$32,420 to \$40,274) by reducing the funding (\$7,854 from \$23,936 to \$16,082) for underutilized Cognitive Change Groups pursuant to a Budget Adjustment Request already approved by the MDOC. (see memo for details)

- 2a. *Sheriff's Office - Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment Five with Securus Technologies for the ConnectUs Inmate Service Platform*

This resolution authorizes contract amendment number five with Securus Technologies to provide Inmate Debit and a variety of other services effective the date of the passage of this resolution. Ingham County will receive an increased monthly commission payment from fifty percent (50%) for these services to fifty five percent (55%) effective the date of the agreement. (see memo for details)

- 2b. *Sheriff's Office - Resolution to Honor Lieutenant James M. Morrall of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office*

This resolution recognizes a long term County employee that is retiring from the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.

- 2c. *Sheriff's Office - Presentation by the Sheriff's Office Plan to begin the Naloxone (NARCAN) Administration Program (see memo and attachment for details)*

3. *Law & Courts Committee – General Discussion on the Animal Control Advisory Board and appointing a second Commissioner from Law & Courts Committee to the Advisory Committee (see memo and attachment for details)*



## Agenda Item 1

TO: Law & Courts and Finance Committee

FROM: Mary Sabaj  
Community Corrections Manager

DATE: August 4, 2015

RE: Resolution Authorizing Entering into Subcontract Amendments for the Day Reporting Program and Cognitive Change Groups for FY2014-2015

This resolution authorizes action required to make adjustments to program subcontract budgets to provide additional funding for the over-utilized Day Reporting Program by reducing the funding for underutilized Cognitive Change Groups pursuant to a Budget Adjustment Request approved by the MDOC.

The resolution authorizes:

- A. Entering into a subcontract amendment with the National Council on Alcoholism to reduce funding for Cognitive Change Groups by \$7,854 from \$23,936 to \$16,082.
- B. Entering into a subcontract amendment with Northwest Initiative - ARRO to increase funding for the Day Reporting Program by \$7,854 from \$32,420 to \$40,274.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SUBCONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM TO REDUCE THE COGNITIVE CHANGE GROUPS BUDGET AND WITH NORTHWEST INITIATIVE-ARRO TO INCREASE THE DAY REPORTING BUDGET FOR FY 2014-2015 PURSUANT TO A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST APPROVED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the State Community Corrections Advisory Board, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, and the City of Lansing approved the Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Community Corrections Advisory Board, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, and the City of Lansing approved the Application for State of Michigan Community Corrections Act Funds for FY 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2014-2015 Application included the continuation of Cognitive Change Groups to be provided by National Council on Alcoholism for an amount not to exceed \$23,936 and for the continuation of Day Reporting services to be provided by Northwest Initiative for an amount not to exceed \$32,420; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FY 2014-2015 grant award, the County entered into subcontracts with National Council on Alcoholism to provide Cognitive Change Groups and Northwest Initiative to provide Day Reporting for the purpose of implementing Plans and Services programs and services identified in the Community Corrections Plan and Application; and

WHEREAS, underutilization of the Cognitive Change Groups over the course of FY made it possible to submit a Budget Adjustment Request to the Michigan Department of Corrections to reduce funding for Cognitive Change Groups and increase funding for the over-utilized Day Reporting program; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Corrections approved the budget adjustment request for the period of September 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 increasing the Northwest Initiative – ARRO Day Reporting program budget by an additional \$7,854 from \$32,420 to \$40,274 and reducing National Council on Alcoholism Cognitive Change Groups budget by \$7,854 from \$23,936 to \$16,082.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into Subcontract Amendments for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 with the National Council on Alcoholism to reduce funding from \$23,936 to \$16,082 for Cognitive Change Groups and with Northwest Initiative – ARRO to increase funding from \$32,420 to \$40,274 for Day Reporting services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson is authorized to sign any necessary contracts\subcontracts consistent with this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

**Agenda Item 2a**

To: Law and Courts and Finance

From: Sam L. Davis, Major

Date: August 4, 2015

Re: Securus Technologies, Inc. Contract Amendment #5

Please be advised that the Sheriff's Office would like to amend the current communications service agreement with Securus, Inc. in order to allow us to utilize the ConnectUs Inmate Service Platform. This technology will provide inmates with the ability to directly request sick call and medical information from the medical staff, retrieve information about upcoming court appearances, release dates, commissary account balances, file kites and grievances and access the most up to date version of the Inmate Guidebook electronically all via the video visitation terminal without going through a Deputy.

This new program will free up the Deputy to handle their duties without the constant interruption from inmates to answer questions about information that the inmate can readily retrieve themselves.

With the implementation of this new program Securus will increase our commissions from 50 percent to 55 percent with no additional cost to the inmates. This amendment would replace the current language in exhibits E, J and F.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AMENDMENT FIVE WITH  
SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE CONNECTUS INMATE SERVICE PLATFORM**

WHEREAS, Ingham County currently contracts with Securus Technologies to provide a video visitation system all inmates in Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office recommends that the County authorize a contract amendment with Securus Technologies to enhance these services by providing the ConnectUS service platform; and

WHEREAS, ConnectUs is a secure, comprehensive inmate communications and services platform that allows for the consolidation of assorted inmate activities in a single, unified interface with a customized mix of applications; and

WHEREAS, ConnectUs allows inmates to use multiple applications at the same time and automatically prioritize scheduled communication to take precedence on non-scheduled events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes contract amendment number five with Securus Technologies to provide Inmate Debit and a variety of other services effective the date of the passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unless otherwise agreed by Ingham County and Securus Technologies, Ingham County will receive an increased monthly commission payment from fifty percent (50%) for these services to fifty five percent (55 %) effective the date of the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson is authorized to sign any contract documents consistent with this resolution subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

**Agenda Item 2b**

**TO:** Law & Court Committee  
**FROM:** Major Sam L. Davis  
**DATE:** July 16, 2015  
**RE:** Retirement Resolution for Lieutenant James M. Morrall

Summary of Proposed Action: This resolution will honor Lieutenant James Morrall of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office for dedicating 25 years of his career to corrections and law enforcement. He served Ingham County with the highest possible standards while respecting the rights of it's people.

Introduced by the Law and Courts Committee:

**THE INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR LIEUTENANT JAMES M. MORRALL  
OF THE INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Lieutenant James Morrall was hired by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy in September of 1990 and assigned to the Field Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Morrall worked as a paramedic with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office until November of 1993; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1993, Lieutenant Morrall was selected to be on the Canine Team where he served for 5 years; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1998, Lieutenant Morrall was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the Field Services Division supervising the Canine Unit; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2003, Lieutenant Morrall was assigned to supervise the Traffic Unit as a Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, in April 2005, Lieutenant Morrall was assigned to supervise the Park's Department as a Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, in April 2008, Lieutenant Morrall was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Corrections Division; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Lieutenant Morrall was a dedicated employee and well respected by his peers; and

WHEREAS, over his 25 year career with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant Morrall received numerous letters of recognition and Unit Citations; and

WHEREAS, after 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ingham County, Lieutenant Morrall is retiring on September 18, 2015.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby honors Lieutenant James Morrall, for his 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ingham County and wishes him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

## Agenda Item 2c

To: Ingham County Law & Courts Committee

From: John Neilsen, Chief Deputy Controller

Date: July 2, 2015

Re: Presentation by the Sheriff's Office - Naloxone (NARCAN) Administration Program Plan

Commissioners:

For some time now, the Sheriff's Office has been planning to participate in a naloxone (NARCAN) administration program which will benefit County residents and visitors.

Undersheriff Spyke has advised me that:

"Deputies would have the training and equipment necessary to reverse an overdose of an opioid drug (i.e.: heroin, morphine, methadone, vicodin, codeine, fentanyl) when responding to a call for assistance. Studies have shown that Law Enforcement is normally able to respond to these types of situations quicker than EMS providers."

PA 462 of 2014 was signed into law on January 12, 2015, which allows Law Enforcement to purchase, possess and distribute an "opioid antagonist" drug to a person that is known or suspected to have ingested one of the drugs listed above, in an emergency situation.

The Sheriff's Office will train their Law Enforcement staff members on the proper use, storage and administration of the "opioid antagonist" drug such as naloxone (NARCAN) or other federally approved similar acting and equally safe drug to persons that are known or suspected to have opioid related drug overdose.

The Sheriff's Office has on staff an experienced Paramedic Instructor/Coordinator that is qualified to instruct staff using a program approved by the Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA).

The Sheriff's Office has costed out the nasal inhaler form of the naloxone kits at a cost of approximately \$55.00 each in order to move forward with the project. They are also planning on initially purchasing about 31 of the units at a total cost of \$1,680 out of their existing budget.

The Sheriff's Office will be at the next Law & Courts Committee to present their program and to answer questions.



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## BILL ANALYSIS



Telephone: (517) 373-5383  
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Senate Bill 1049 (as enacted)  
Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker  
Senate Committee: Judiciary  
House Committee: Judiciary

**PUBLIC ACT 462 of 2014**

Date Completed: 1-27-15

**CONTENT****The bill created a new act to do the following:**

- **Allow a law enforcement agency to purchase and distribute to its officers an opioid antagonist.**
- **Allow a peace officer who is trained in the proper administration of an opioid antagonist to possess and administer it to a person experiencing an opioid-related overdose.**
- **Grant civil and criminal immunity to a law enforcement agency or peace officer who possesses and uses an opioid antagonist as allowed under the bill.**

The bill defines "opioid-related overdose" as a condition that results from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined or that a reasonable person would believe to be an opioid-related overdose that requires medical assistance. The conditions resulting from consumption or use of an opioid or other substance include, but are not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, or death.

"Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly acting and equally safe drug approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of drug overdose.

The bill took effect on January 12, 2015.

**Purchase, Possession, & Administration**

The bill authorizes a law enforcement agency to purchase and possess any opioid antagonist and distribute it to peace officers it employs who have been trained in the administration of the opioid antagonist.

A peace officer may possess any opioid antagonist that a law enforcement agency has distributed to him or her and may administer it to an individual if both of the following apply:

- The officer has been trained in the proper administration of the opioid antagonist.
- The officer has reason to believe that the person is experiencing an opioid-related overdose.



### Civil & Criminal Immunity

A law enforcement agency that purchases, possesses, or distributes any opioid antagonist under the bill, and any peace officer who possesses or in good faith administers an opioid antagonist, is immune from civil liability for injuries or damage arising out of the administration of that drug to any individual if the conduct does not amount to gross negligence that is the proximate cause of the injury or damage. An agency or officer also is not subject to criminal prosecution for buying, possessing, distributing, or administering any opioid antagonist under the bill.

MCL 28.541-28.544

### BACKGROUND

Abuse of prescription drugs, particularly opioids, is a growing concern in Michigan and throughout the United States. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse website, opioids are medications that reduce the intensity of pain signals reaching the brain and affect those areas of the brain that control emotion, thereby diminishing the effects of painful stimuli. When people become addicted to strong prescription painkillers—opioids—they may turn to illegal opiates such as heroin when their prescriptions run out. In recent years, abuse of both opioids and heroin, as well as the number of deaths from overdoses of both substances, has increased sharply, according to various reports and articles.

A substance that is an "opioid antagonist", however, can counteract the effects of overdose from either prescription drugs or heroin. In particular, a fast-acting medication called naloxone can be used to treat someone who is having, or is suspected of having, an overdose. In an effort to encourage the use of this medication and promote its availability, Public Acts 311 through 314 (which took effect on October 14, 2014) extend liability protection to people who administer or prescribe an opioid antagonist, require life support vehicles to carry the medication, and require emergency personnel to be trained to administer it.

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### FISCAL IMPACT

The bill may result in supply and training costs to those law enforcement agencies that opt to purchase and use opioid antagonists as allowed under the bill.

The bill's immunity provision may potentially reduce the number of prosecutions and convictions for possession or administration of controlled substances by peace officers, thus potentially reducing court and corrections costs and costs of litigation for a law enforcement entity that chooses to purchase and possess opioid antagonists and train officers in the administration of opioid antagonists.

Fiscal Analyst: Bruce Baker

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**Agenda Item 3**

To: Ingham County Law & Courts Committee  
From: John Neilsen, Chief Deputy Controller  
Date: August 5, 2015  
Re: Animal Control Shelter Advisory Committee

Commissioners:

There has been some discussion on adding a second Law & Courts Commissioner representative to the Animal Control Shelter Advisory Committee. Currently, Commissioner Tennis serves as the only Commissioner representative.

To aid in that discussion, attached you will find a summary of the current composition of the Committee and the role of the Committee as assigned by the Board of Commissioners.

# **Animal Control Shelter Advisory Committee**

## **Members**

Commissioner Todd Tennis  
Sean Haskin  
Angela Bouler  
Teresa Lippert – Resigned, now vacant  
Katlyn Turner  
Thomas Hess  
Dr. Maria Iliopoulou

## **Meeting Times**

Fourth Mondays, 6:30 p.m. every other month  
Human Services Building, Lansing

## **What We Do...**

The Animal Control Shelter Advisory Board is appointed by the Law & Courts Committee. The initial term is 1 year. The role of the Advisory Board is to:

- Consider concerns about the shelter policies and operations as referred to them by the Law & Courts Committee and Animal Control Director.
- Work with the public, rescue organizations, and Board of Commissioners to recommend ways that will make the shelter more efficient, user-friendly, and promote adoptions.
- Developing ways to promote adoption of animals at the shelter.
- Seek funds from outside agencies, including grants, for the improvement of the Shelter.
- Develop recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding the Ingham County Animal Control's mission, and services for which there is a need.
- Research and review successful programs which could serve as models for improvements in our County, and invite participation at its meetings of other persons with useful expertise and experience.
- Regularly review the operations of the Ingham County Animal Control and make suggestions to the Law & Courts committee for changes as needed.
- Continue efforts to increase and encourage participation by volunteers at the shelter.

Contact Person: Becky Bennett, Board Coordinator, P.O. Box 319, Mason, MI 48854  
(517) 676-7200

June 1, 2015